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The Refunding Ordinance.

The voters of the city of Wheeling are
called upon to-day to vote on one of
the most important propositions that
has been presented in years—the ordi-
nance providing for the refunding of
its debt. The measure is entirely non-
partisan and is endorsed by the most
prominent business men and financiers.
The Register, for some mysterious rea-
son, has conducted a campaign in oppo-
sition to its passage that for distortion
of figures, wanton deception, and an
appeal to the lower passions of the
voter, has not been equalled at any
time in its most erratic career.

Its gross perversion is in regard to
section 4 of the ordinance. The provi-
sions of this section are such as are re-
quired by an act of the legislature of
the state of West Virginia. An ordi-
nance passed and bonds issued without
power to levy a tax for the payment of
the bonds and interest would not be
worth any price in the money markets
of the world. The provisions are sim-
ply to safeguard the purchasers of the
bonds. Nothing more.

When capital is seeking investment
the security offered is scrutinized very
closely. What kind of an investment
would municipal bonds be if provision
was not made for their redemption in
the ordinance under which the bonds
were issued?

The Register knows, if it knows any-
thing about the issue of bonds of the
city of Wheeling, that it is necessary
to have these very provisions enacted
which are embodied in section 4.

It is not the intention to increase the
annual levy of fifty cents, which has
been obtained for many years, but if it re-
quires a levy of twenty cents to pay the
new bonds and interest on the same, a
levy of that amount and further levy of
thirty cents will be made, which will be
but the old levy of fifty cents.

The statement made by the Register
that the refunding ordinance about
doubles the city debt, is untrue and the
unscrupulous writer of such nonsense
knows it.

It is necessary for the city to go into
the manufacture and sale of electric
light to private consumers in order to
save the gas plant to the citizens, and
it is proposed to increase the debt a suf-
ficient sum to construct a plant, which
is less than \$35,000. If the ordinance is
defeated, the question of the city enter-
ing into the manufacture of electricity
is at an end. The city has been paying
its bonded indebtedness faster than the
income warrants and the situation can-
not be relieved in a more just and
equitable manner than by adopting the
ordinance.

A loan to pay \$32,000 of the compro-
mise bonds, due this year, and a suf-
ficient sum to erect an electric plant will
not relieve the situation, as the city
has not paid a single bond of the com-
promise issue in ten years; and should
it have had to have made payment on
this loan in the past ten years, a new
loan would have had to have been
created or the city would have
defaulted, as the entire revenues from
the fifty cent levy are exhausted in
paying bonds and their interest with-
out reference to the \$32,000, and there is
not one penny left of our general funds
for needed improvements and repairs
to our streets, and has not been for
nearly ten years.

The only revenues under the present
situation which the city has for the im-
provement of streets and contingencies
is the ten cent levy fund of about \$22,000
per annum, and the board of public
works' contingency fund of about the
same sum. This is certainly a very
small sum for a city like Wheeling to
spend annually for the betterment of
streets and public grounds.

Will the Register kindly explain how
the city could borrow \$32,000 and a suf-
ficient sum to build an electric light
plant, if the people are to vote the pre-
sent ordinance down, simply because
there is a provision for the levy of a tax
for the payment of these bonds and in-
terest, when it knows that if another
ordinance were passed and submitted to
the people, it would be necessary to
embody the very same section in an-
other ordinance?

A vote for rejection means a vote for
increase of taxes, or a default by the
city in payments of its bonds due July
1, 1900. That is the true situation that
confronts the voter to-day.

National Democratic Convention.

The selection of July 4 as the time for
holding the Democratic national con-
vention was on the suggestion of the
West Virginia member of the national
committee, the Intelligencer's esteemed
friend, the Knight of the Purple Pencil,
Colonel John T. McGraw, whose recent

memorable efforts to preserve to West
Virginia a republican form of govern-
ment will be pleasantly remembered.
The motive for choosing such a day is
very transparent, but if the Democrats
hope to gain any prestige for delibera-
ting on the day which is devoted to the
exaltation of pure patriotism they will
miss the point. The Chicago platform,
which they hope to reaffirm, is wholly
repugnant to the significance of the
Fourth of July, and the man who will
be nominated represents principles that
would make George Washington and
the signers of the Declaration of Inde-
pendence turn in their graves. Such
clap-trap politics will in no wise de-
ceive the people.

The overwhelming vote by which
Kansas City was chosen as the place of
meeting was a surprise, but the argu-
ments of the Milwaukee boomers were
an insult to the intelligence of the Ger-
mans of that state. To claim that the
voters of that nationality would be in-
fluenced by the presence of the mem-
bers of the national convention of the
party of Bryan is giving them credit
for a very meagre intellectuality.

It is interesting to note some of the
expressions made by the members of
the national committee on the political
outlook. Committeeman Daniels, of
North Carolina, must have been in-
spired by the effects of Washington
hospitality when he said:

"We will carry every state we carried
in 1896," said he, "and in addition we
will carry Maryland, West Virginia,
Ohio and Indiana. We can win without
New York, although there are people
who think we can carry New York. On
what platform? Why, 'agin the gov-
ernment.'"

But he spoke the truth about the plat-
form. That is just what the Demo-
cratic party has been ever since 1881—
"agin the government." It has been
negative in all the progress the country
has made; it has opposed everything of
a beneficent character and advocated
only those policies which have been
disastrous to the welfare of the people.
It has ever been destructive, never
constructive. "Agin the government" is
about the size of the mentality of the
present leaders of the Democracy.

Perhaps Committeeman Troup, of
Connecticut, best expressed the real
sentiment of the party leaders with re-
ference to the prospects of the Demo-
cracy this year. When asked what
states north of the Potomac and east of
Ohio the party would carry, he answered
"none."

"Then how can you win?"
"I don't care whether we win or lose,"
was the equally frank reply. "I would
rather lose than abandon any of our
principles."

Mr. Daniels is chasing rainbows. Mr.
Troup deals with the concrete truth.

When the Register claims that the
refund ordinance contains a provision
for levying a special tax for the pay-
ment of the city bonds it is right.
The ordinance would be utterly value-
less without it. It knows also that not
a bond of the city could be sold with-
out such guarantee to the purchaser.
The impression that the Market Street
Contortionist leaves with its readers is
that such provision is some dark
scheme of the framers of the ordinance
to loot the treasury at their will. As
the Intelligencer remarked before, those
who are always suspecting evil of other
people require a double guardianship
over themselves.

How the most inconsequential triviali-
ties are dignified when they are con-
nected with royalty. A speaker in the
British House of Lords in making a
reference brought his hand down on the
hat of the Prince of Wales, who was sitting
in front of him. This incident was
thought to be of sufficient importance
to cable to the newspapers of this coun-
try. This will make Lily Langtry
smile, and cause her to recall the time
she playfully slipped a piece of ice
down Albert Edward's royal back.

The Register has done nothing but
misrepresent and vilify since the re-
funding ordinance, which was framed
by a special committee of three Demo-
crats and three Republicans, was adopt-
ed by the city council by a unanimous
vote.

The death of the veteran circus clown,
Dan Rice, recalls the fact that he once
lived in Wheeling, and started in the
show business in this city. In his day
he was a fellow of infinite jest; of
most excellent fancy."

The Democratic national committee
in selecting Kansas City as the place
for holding their convention showed a
preference for stock yards as against
breweries. It was a question of beer or
beef.

The recent session of the Daughters
of the American Revolution is reported
to have resembled a congress of fish-
women more than a gathering of the
gentlest culture of the country.

Now is the time for the people to avail
themselves of an opportunity of reliev-
ing themselves of the charges of light-
ing the streets. Vote for the ratifica-
tion of the refunding ordinance.

Eugene Debs is explicit in denying
that he is to be the candidate of the
Social Democracy for President.
Thanks, Bryan is as much of an afflic-
tion as the country can stand.

Taylor county presents a very accept-
able candidate for the presidency of the
Republican League of Clubs, of this
state, in the person of Prosecuting At-
torney Ira E. Robinson.

It cost Senator Clark, of Montana,
\$125,000 to secure his election. The com-
mercial instinct of the people of that
state appears to be of razor-edge keen-
ness.

Business men should sacrifice a few
moments of their time to-day to protect
their own interests and save others
from folly in spite of themselves.

The polls open to-day at 8 a. m. and
close at 7 p. m. Get your vote in early.

And the next day the sun smiled and
the snow melted.

Vote for the refunding ordinance to-
day.



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BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE.

Some Gossip About Judge Henry Clay
Caldwell, of Arkansas.

Washington Post: Comparatively lit-
tle talk is heard among the members
of the committee regarding the vice
presidential nomination. There was
naturally some discussion of the state-
ment of Senator Allen, of Nebraska,
to the Populist national committee, re-
ported in the Post yesterday, that Judge
Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, would
be acceptable to the Democracy if
named by the Populists.

"I do not believe," said Senator
Jones, of Arkansas, the chairman of
the Democratic national committee,
"that Senator Allen said that the Demo-
crats had agreed to nominate Judge
Caldwell, because, as a matter of fact,
no such agreement has been or could be
reached. Judge Caldwell is a fine man,
in every sense of the word, and is very
popular in the west."

Little known as Judge Caldwell is in
the east, inquiries yesterday developed
the fact that in the west he has made
a very considerable name for himself.
He is an interesting character. He
lived in Iowa when the war broke out,
and joined a cavalry regiment in Iowa,
eventually reaching Nebraska. There
was still mud on his boots, when, at the
close of the war he was appointed by
President Lincoln a judge of the Eighth
judicial circuit. Since that time he has
been on the bench, and as the circuit in-
cludes Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, the
two Dakotas, Colorado and the states
and territories as far west as the
Rocky Mountains, he has traveled over
a wide range of country. He is a man
of sixty-two or sixty-four years of age,
of fine presence, smooth-shaven face
and commanding features.

Judge Caldwell is especially popular
with the laboring element in the west,
because of the decision he rendered in
the suit of the Union Pacific railroad
employees to prevent the reduction of
their wages, in violation of an agree-
ment. Since that time he has been
noted for the advanced position he has
taken in matters concerning the relation
of capital and labor, and it is said that
the organized labor of the west regard
him as their friend in every sense of
the word. He supported Bryan with
considerable vigor in 1896, and is now
regarded as a full-fledged Democrat.

Republican League Presidency.

Grafton Sentinel: Taylor county now
has a candidate for the presidency of
the Republican State League. In the
person of her efficient prosecuting at-
torney, Ira E. Robinson. The prose-
cuting attorney's boom for the position
was started at the meeting of the Grafton
Republican League Club last Friday
night, and a resolution endorsing his
candidacy was unanimously adopted,
and the boys will go to Parkersburg
on the 24th of next month enthusiastically
asking for his election. Mr. Rob-
inson is well qualified for the office. He
has the industry and the talent to make
the state league an ideal officer,
and through his labors the league would
exist as a real political power. The
Sentinel is always for the Taylor county
man, and hopes to see our candidate
capture the political prize.

Rev. Wesley Hammond.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
ROMNEY, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Rev.
Wesley Hammond died yesterday
morning, aged about sixty-five years.
He was for a long time minister in

charge of the M. E. church South, but
has been retired for some years on ac-
count of bad health. He will be buried
at Frostburg, Md.

"The Absent-Minded Beggar."

We publish by request Harvard Kipling's
"Absent-Minded Beggar," which, in
spite of its popularity in England, has
been severely criticized by friends of
"Tommy Atkins," who think Mr. Kipling's
verses exhibit the British soldier in any-
thing but a complimentary light.

When you've finished killing Kruger with
your mouth,
Will you kindly drop a shilling in my lit-
tle tin-bucket?
For a gentleman in khaki ordered
south—
He's an absent-minded beggar, and his
weaknesses are great.
But we and Paul must take him as we
find him.
He is out on active service, wiping some-
thing off a slate.
And he's left a lot of little things behind
him.

CHORUS.

Duke's son—cook's son—son of a hundred
Fifty thousand horse and foot going to
"Table Bay."
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and
who's to look after their things?)
Pass the hat for your credit's sake and
pay—pay—pay—

There are girls he married secret, asking
no permission to.
For he knew he wouldn't get it if he did.
There is gas and coal and vittles, and the
house-tenant falling due.
And more than rather likely there's
a kid.
There are girls he walked with casual;
they'll be soon now he's gone.
For an absent-minded beggar they will
find him.
But it ain't the time for sermons with the
winter coming on.
We must help the girl that Tommy's left
behind him.

Cook's son—duke's son—son of a belted
earl;
Son of a Lambeth publican—it's all the
same to-day!
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and
who's to look after the girl?)
Pass the hat for your credit's sake and
pay—pay—pay—

There are families by thousands, far too
proud to beg or speak.
And they'll put their sticks and bedding
under the door.
And they'll live on half of nothing paid
'em punctual once a week.
'Cause the men that earned the wage is
ordered out.
He's an absent-minded beggar, but he
heard his country's call.
And his regiment didn't need to send to
find him.
He chucked his job and joined it! So the job
is to help the house that Tommy's left
behind.

Duke's job—cook's job—gardener, baronet,
grocer.
Meat or palace or paper-shop—there's
someone gone away!
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and
who's to look after the room?)
Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and
pay—pay—pay—

Let us manage so as later we can look
him in the face.
And tell him—what he'd very much pre-
ferred to see.
That while he saved the empire his em-
ployer saved his place.
And his regiment didn't see (and me) look-
ed out for her.
He's an absent-minded beggar, and he
may forget it all.
But we do not want his kiddies to re-
mind him!

Cook's home—duke's home—home of a mil-
lionaire.
(Fifty thousand horse and foot going to
"Table Bay!")
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and
who's to look after the room?)
Pass the hat for your credit's sake and
pay—pay—pay—

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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 23.—

The Episcopal congregation of Morgantown
has sold its present church site, and
has purchased another, near the
Episcopal hall. The church building
now in use will be moved to the new
lot for the present, but it is the inten-
tion of the congregation to build a new
one in the near future. It is under-
stood, also, that Bishop Peterkin will
endeavor to buy the lot between the
church and the Episcopal hall, and con-
vert it into play grounds for the stu-
dents at the hall. When this is done
the church will own about \$40,000 worth
of real estate in one body. Rev. Sewell
Heppner, of Hanover county, Va., has
been called to the pastorate of the
church. While here a few days ago
Bishop Peterkin said it was the inten-
tion of his church to extend its work
into every part of West Virginia, and
that this has been made possible by
the election of a bishop coadjutor.

As a result of the reduction of sal-
aries by the newly elected council, the
police force, from the chief down, has
resigned. James N. Davis was last
night elected chief of police in the
place of T. M. Bennett, at a salary of
\$40 a month, a reduction of \$10. The
police were elected to get \$35 a month,
instead of \$40, as heretofore.

Mr. Clarence Eddy, of Boston, the
famous organist, has been engaged by
the university to give a recital dedicat-
ing the new chapel pipe organ which is
now being built at a cost of \$30,000.

Hon. Henry Watterson, editor of the
Louisville Courier-Journal, gave his
lecture on "Morals and Money" at the
university last night, before a large au-
dience.

G. B. Miller, of the Columbia Literary
society, at the university, has been
elected essayist for the inter-society
contest, in the place of Miss Grace
Brahm, who resigned from the con-
test.

Two new mines are being opened at
Shinnston, on the Monongahela river
railroad, and houses are being built for
the accommodation of 400 additional
population.

The engagement of Miss Louise Hus-
ton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
Huston, of Morgantown, to Mr. Louis
Krepps, of Somerset, Pa., is announced.
The Tygart's Valley Bank, at Phil-
ippi, which was recently robbed, has
had put in a safe weighing 3,500 pounds.
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vault.

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